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## **VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte, Petitions of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence and Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Areas, WC Docket No. 06-172

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to provide notice, pursuant to 47 CFR § 1.1206(b), that oral ex parte presentations relating to the above-referenced matter were made on November 19, 2007, by Frances McComb, Senior Vice President Law and Public Policy, Cavalier Telephone; Al Weigand, Vice President of Operations, and Steve Noel, Manager of Network Engineering, Penn Telecom Inc.; and Andrew D. Lipman and the undersigned of Bingham McCutchen LLP. Separate presentations were made to Ian Dillner, legal advisor to Chairman Martin; Scott Deutchman, legal advisor to Commissioner Copps; Scott Bergmann, legal advisor to Commissioner Adelstein; John Hunter, legal advisor to Commissioner McDowell; and Chris Moore, legal advisor to Commissioner Tate.

During these presentations, the parties discussed the facts and arguments contained in their previously-filed comments and *ex parte* submissions in this docket, and also presented the attached written materials.

Under separate cover and in accordance with the Second Protective Order in this proceeding, copies of the presentation that included Highly Confidential Information

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A date stamp and return copy of this filing is enclosed as well. Please mark it for such purposes and return it to the courier. Should you have any questions about this filing, please contact me.

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Beach Metropolitan Statistical Areas, WC Docket No. 06-172, Order, 22 FCC Rcd 892, DA 07-208, ¶ 15 (WCB rel. Jan. 25, 2007) ("Second Protective Order").

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